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SUBJ: SENEGALESE -GAMBIAN RELATIONS AND THE OMVS.

1. SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK LEFT DAKAR
JAN 22 FOR BRIEF TRIP TO GAMBIA TO ATTEND PERIODIC
MEETING OF SENGALO-GAMBIAN INTERMINISTERIAL COUNCIL.

2. IN JAN 22 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, FONMIN CABINET
DIRECTOR, YOUSSEPH SYLLA, CHARACTERIZED SENEGALESE-
GAMBIAN RELATIONS AS NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD. HE SAID
THAT SENEGALESE HAD LED GAMBIANS TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS
ABOUT JOINING OMVS BY POINTING OUT BURDEN OF FULL COSTS
OF MEMBERSHIP. SYLLA SAID SENEGAL WOULD NOT WISH SEE
GAMBIA BECOME A "BLOCKING MINORITY MEMBER" OF OMVS, AS
GUINEA HAD BEEN IN ORGANIZATION OF SENEGAL RIVER STATES
(OERS). SYLLA NOTED THAT CURRENT MEMBERS OF OMVS HAD
MORE CENTRAL INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF RIVER THAN
GAMBIANS WOULD HAVE. SYLLA BELIEVED THAT SOME INDIRECT
ASSOC. OF GAMBIA WITH OMVS MIGHT BE WORKED OUT,
AND THIS MIGHT BE MORE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED THAN
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FULL GAMBIAN MEMBERSHIP.

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